

IN THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS 1 – 6 (Canceled)

CLAIM 7 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 49 wherein said sheet is spaced apart from said surface by a flexible support.

CLAIMS 8 – 9 (Canceled)

CLAIM 10 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim 7 wherein said sheet and said flexible support forms a space containing said plurality of elongated electrical conductors.

CLAIMS 11 – 40 (Canceled)

CLAIM 41 (Original) A method comprising:

providing a substrate having a surface;

forming a plurality of elongated electrical conductors extending away from said surface;

each of said elongated electrical conductors having a first end affixed to said surface and a second end projecting away from said surface;

there being a plurality of said second ends;

providing a means for maintaining said plurality of said second ends in substantially fixed positions with respect to each other.

CLAIM 42 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 41 wherein said means for ~~positioning and~~ maintaining is a sheet formed from a material selected from the group consisting of Invar, Cu/Invar/Cu, molybdenum and polyimides.

CLAIM 43 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 41 wherein said means for ~~positioning and~~ maintaining is a sheet formed from a material selected from the group consisting of a metal, a polymer, a semiconductor and dielectric.

CLAIMS 44 – 48 (Canceled)

CLAIM 49 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 41 wherein said means for maintaining comprises a sheet of material comprising openings comprising a large region and a small region.

CLAIM 50 (Canceled)

CLAIM 51 (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 41 wherein said means for maintaining comprises openings comprising a large region and a small region, said compliant elongated electrical conductors are first inserted through said large region and then moved to said small region.

CLAIMS 52 – 57 (Canceled)

CLAIM 58 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim ~~[[52]]~~ 41 wherein said means for maintaining is a sheet of material comprising a plurality of openings through which said seconds ends project.

CLAIM 59 (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ method according to claim ~~[[1]]~~ 41 wherein said means for ~~positioning and~~ maintaining comprises at least one sheet

of material comprising a plurality of openings through which said second ends project.

CLAIM 60 (Currently Amended) A structure according to claim ~~[[58]]~~ 59 wherein of said at least one sheet is a sheet of electrically conductive material which has a top surface and a bottom surface and said openings have a sidewall, a dielectric material coats said top surface and said bottom surface and said sidewall.

CLAIM 61 – 63 (Canceled)